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In re Application of:

Gary K. Michelson

Serial No.: 09/991,247

Filed: November 15, 2001

For: RATCHETED BONE DOWEL

Group Art Unit: 3732

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AMENDMENT

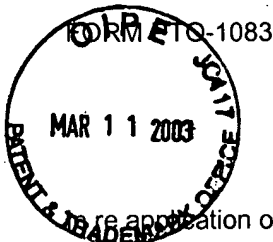
Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application
as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph 1 on page 20 of the specification (with the changes as
shown in the attachment) as follows:

--The passageway is preferably adapted to hold any natural or artificial
osteochonductive, osteoinductive, osteogenic, or other fusion enhancing material. Some
examples of such materials are bone harvested from the patient, or bone growth-
inducing material, such as, but not limited to, hydroxyapatite, hydroxyapatite tricalcium
phosphate, genes coding for production of bone, or bone morphogenetic protein. The
bone dowel of the present invention may be filled and/or coated with a bone ingrowth

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Applicant hereby requests a ***month extension of time to respond to the above office action.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 and 7 references are enclosed.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

NO FEE HAS BEEN CALCULATED AS SHOWN BELOW:

	(Col. 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(Col. 2) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Col. 3) PRESENT EXTRA*	LG/SM \$ ENTITY FEE		ADD'L FEE DUE
TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	21	-	20 **	1	LG=\$18 SM=\$9	\$18	\$ 18.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE	1	-	3 ***	0	LG=\$84 SM=\$42	\$84	\$ -0-
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$280 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$140		\$ ---
TOTAL							\$ 18.00

* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

*** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, write "3" in this space. The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box on Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

- ☒ A fee in the amount of \$18.00 to cover the additional claims is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1066.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$___ to cover the three month extension of time fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies of fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1066. **A copy of this sheet is enclosed.**
- ☒ Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17

Respectfully submitted,
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